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THE DOUBLE JAY

The stormy March has come at last,
With wind, and cloud, and changing skies;
I hear the rushing of the blast,
That through the snowy valley flies.
—Bryant

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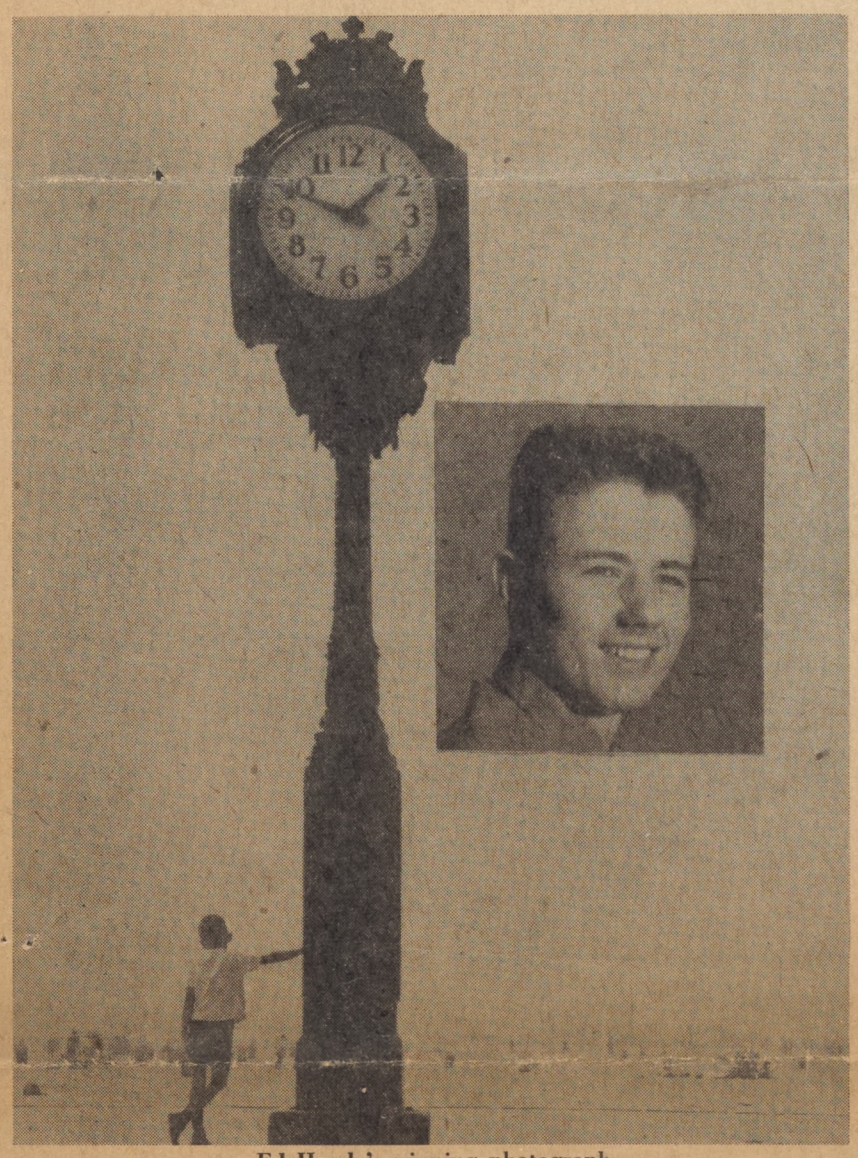
Photographer Ed Handy Wins PAL Award



Ed Handy's winning photograph.

Ed Handy, head of the *Double Jay* photography staff, won the top award in this year's PAL (Police Athletic League) senior division. Ed began taking pictures three years ago with a box camera and has graduated to top PAL winner and photography editor of our school newspaper.

On January 17th at 11:00 A.M., Ed attended a ceremony at City Hall where he received the awards from Mayor Wagner for achieving top prize. He also received three honorable mentions because of the five winning photographs, four were Ed's.

After the ceremony at City Hall, Ralph Miller, columnist-photographer of the *World Telegram*, took Ed to lunch and then on a tour of the *Telegram* Building. There the head of the photography lab showed him how to shoot for, develop for, and print for special tones.

On January 24th at 8:30 A.M. on station WNYC, Ed was part of a three-man panel discussion at PAL's musical show about our city.

Mr. Germain, head of the Germain Photo School, said that our boy Ed had a discerning eye, willing hand, and resolution. Mr. Rosen of Peerless Camera Stores extended an offer to aid in job placement for next summer's vacation.

All in all, it was a big day for Ed and for all of us in John Jay.

Karen Devito Wins Betty Crocker Contest

Karen Devito

Karen Ann Devito is the winner in our school in the 1962 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She achieved the highest score in the examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by senior girls December 5th. She becomes eligible now along with winners in other state high schools, for the title of State Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The girl named State Homemaker of Tomorrow is provided with a $1,500 scholarship by General Mills, sponsor of the program. The state runner-up will receive a $500 scholarship.

In addition, the State Homemaker of Tomorrow and her school adviser will join with other state winners in an expense-paid educational tour of New York City, Washington, D.C., and Colonial Williamsburg, Va. At the latter, the 1962 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be named.

The national winner will have her scholarship raised to $5000 with a second, third and fourth place winners being granted scholarships of $4000, $3000, and $2000 respectively.

The knowledge and attitude test, prepared and scored by Science Research Associates, Chicago, is the basis for selection of local and state winners with personal observation and interviews serving as factors in national judging.

The 1962 Betty Crocker search reached another all-time high in enrollment with 406,132 girls in 12,874 schools participating. The program now is in its eighth year. By the end of this year, more than two and a half million girls will have participated and scholarship awards will have totaled more than three quarters of a million dollars.

Karen Devito of class 8H1 is proof that beauty, brains and talent can all be combined to make an outstanding individual. She came to us from Junior High School 51 where she won the Italian medal at graduation. In John Jay, she joined the cheerleaders. Now she is secretary of Arista.

117 John Jay Grads Enter Alumni Ranks

On Wednesday, January 31, 1962, the John Jay auditorium witnessed the dignified ceremony that occurs biannually—graduation. When the audience of proud parents, teachers, and guests were seated, the 117 members of the graduating class marched in to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the senior orchestra under the direction of Mr. Katz, chairman of the Music Department.

After the seniors, clad in blue caps and gowns, had taken their places, Richard Damiano read from the Bible. The audience saluted the flag and joined in the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." Jane Harton, the salutatorian, opened the exercises with her speech of welcome.

Following the reading of the Graduation Oath by our principal, Mr. Auerbach, honors and medals were awarded to deserving students. The Buermeyer award for spirit and character went to Dieter Ficken and the C.D. Larkins award for responsibility to Davida Skurnick. James Moscoso received the Dittberner award for scholarship and athletics, Sophie Stillman, the Snyder award for scholarship and service, and Carmela DeGaetano, the Duchemin award for having made the most of her opportunities. The Phi Beta Kappa awards were given to Elaine Pernick and Richard Damiano, and Jane Harton won the B'nai B'rith award. Each department gave several medals and certificates of merit to deserving students. The Italian award, won by Carmela DeGaetano, was presented by its donor, Dr. Yuppa, who was the guest at the exercises. Elaine Pernick won the speech award presented in Mia Glover's memory.

The valedictorian, Elaine Pernick, delivered a moving address, the theme of which was the role a high school education plays in today's chaotic world. Elaine was chosen for this honor because she distinguished herself scholastically by attaining the highest average in the graduating class.

Following a farewell address by Mr. Auerbach, the graduates were called to the stage and were given their diplomas. The program was brought to a close as Ray Lynch led the seniors in singing their class song. The recessional was played and the graduates solemnly marched out of the auditorium as the newest group of John Jay alumni.

Jan. '62 Seniors Present Play– *School Daze*

On Senior Day it is customary for the graduating class to gather its high spirits and fond memories of John Jay and put them all together into a Senior play. A group of January '62 graduates enacted some of the never-to-be-forgotten high school experiences in a comedy entitled "School Daze."

To the inspiring music of our senior band, the soon-to-be graduates marched down the aisles. After the traditional opening exercises, Sophie Stillman, vice-president of the senior class, introduced the first of five comedy skits.

September found Ray Lynch talking with a group of friends in the hallway. Up strolled Dorett Odwin, confused freshman. Dorett was very relieved when she was able to purchase a lunch pass from our sophisticated senior. October emphasized the hubbub which goes side by side with graduation pictures and the measurement for caps and gowns. November caused the students quite a bit of dismay as midterms got under way. December elaborated on the rivalry among sophomores, juniors, and seniors in Sing competition. January portrayed the results of years of diligent work—graduation from John Jay. As the eighth termers marched out of the auditorium, those in the audience who were not seniors, realized that they had something very exciting and rewarding to look forward to.

NOTICE TO NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP TEST CANDIDATES

ALL STUDENTS WHO:

1. Forget their ticket of admission.
2. Lose their ticket of admission:
   Should appear at the Test Center and complete a substitute admission card. (Bring the receipt of the postal or bank money order with you.)

JOHN JAY STUDENTS who registered for Saturday, March 10, 1962 go to FORT HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, March 11, 1962 candidates go to BROOKLYN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sachs Skims Shulman; Steals Symbol Set-to

Standing, l. to r.—Michele Maiello, Mr. Cohen, Martin Prezelski, Alan Sachs, Edward Ryan, Jess Resnick. Seated, l. to r.—Anthony Ricupero, Richard Schulman, Susan Eilenberg, Charles Prenner, Richard Tatowicz, Steven Dobrowski, Andrew Sohor.

In a thrilling finish, Alan Sachs outscored Richard Schulman to win the second intra-math team contest. The contest covered a six week period. During this time the contestants were required to solve problems of varying difficulty in a very short time. Each correct answer scored a point for the contestant. The contest ended with Alan Sachs scoring 18 points. Richard Schulman, narrowly missing a tie for first place, scored 17 points. Jess Resnick was third with 13 points. Charles Prenner and Edward Ryan tied for fourth place with 12 points. Martin Prezelski was sixth with 11 points.

Last term's outgoing captain of the team was Alan Sachs. Jess Resnick is the captain for the present term and Edward Ryan is the co-captain.

The team is progressing nicely and will begin inter-school competition in September when the majority of the team members become seniors.

A new intra-team contest will begin on March 12th and will last six weeks. Interested Jayites are invited to participate. The math team meets daily during the ninth period in room 302.

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"No Man is an Island"

During the week of February 21st, throughout America, people stressed morality in one form or another. Essays, speeches, newspaper articles, television and radio programs all attempted to convey to the public the true meaning of the word *BROTHERHOOD.*

This alone, however, is not enough. We must strive to fulfill the highest standards of brotherhood every day of our lives, not merely seven days out of each year. We must not only preach equality; WE MUST LIVE BY IT!

This word brotherhood constitutes religious and racial tolerance, strong character, desire for equality, and respect. It is based upon the democratic way of life. It is dedicated to the principle of humanity and justice for all peoples of the world and it symbolizes the interdependence of men. And yet brotherhood is more.

America, free land of equal opportunity for people of every race, creed, and religion, seems to be the general impression of our United States. But how can we shout this from the roof tops without subconsciously feeling guilty when so-called virtuous citizens deprive fellow human beings of the privileges which they themselves enjoy? Need there be violence and freedom rides in order to achieve justice?

Is prejudice something with which people are born or is it something that takes root as does a parasite that lives from its host? Prejudice is ignorance; it is a disease of the mind which must be cured! Prejudice exists not only in the fanatic hater but also in everyone of us to a lesser degree. No one is free from prejudice. But no one is devoid of good. The spark of goodness that glows in all of us must be ignited into an angry flame, consuming the evil root of prejudice that lies within us.

Brotherhood is a bond between peoples and nations that allows them to flourish in harmony rather than in discord. The world's tense and critical state, the resolution of which will determine whether we sustain or destroy life, makes the practice of equal rights and brotherhood a task which must be accomplished. The resolution must begin at home. When theaters, restaurants, buses, waiting rooms, schools, and streets are open to all freedom-loving Americans, then the ideal of brotherhood will be achieved. When our government, by education and edict, inundates the minds of the people with the ideal of brotherhood, then will be we true to our heritage and to the Declaration of Independence. Then and only then will the people of our country be prepared to meet and conquer any threatening opposing ideology. Then and only then, will we have come of age.

"Honest Abe"

Abe and Allen, a friend of his own age, were sent on a thousand mile trip down the Mississippi on a flatboat. The boat was laden with supplies which were ready to be sold to southern plantation owners.

After a hard day's work, the two tired boys tied their craft to a tree along the Louisiana shore. They crawled beneath the canvas for some sleep. A sudden noise awoke them. They scrambled to their feet as two burly men attempted to capture their cargo. One by one their attackers fell from the furious blows dealt out by Abe. The boys quickly cut their boat adrift and sailed away.

Throughout his life, Lincoln displayed similar courage and aptness of mind. Despite poverty, he realized his life-long ambition and became a lawyer. Then came the long struggle. After being elected to the Illinois Legislature, he found himself fighting for a seat in Congress. He met the brilliant Douglas in public debate which put him on the path to the White House. Then came Lincoln's greatest achievement—the preservation of the union. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Lincoln knew this to be fact. He was faced with the problem of slavery in times when the concept of brotherhood was abandoned by many. Those turbulent years required a leader with deep understanding and compassion to prevent the United States from falling to pieces. Lincoln, even then, displayed great courage, honesty, and a strength of character that never weakened. He rose to the needs of his country and, in the minds of all who have read or heard about his greatness, he will always be known as "Honest Abe."

Roving Reporter

By TRUDY KIRSHBERG

QUESTION: Do you think there should be fallout shelters built at government expense?

Anthony Panza, 6-71

"Yes, I think the government should build fall-out shelters so that people who can't afford to build their own will be protected."

Lorraine Cupelli, 8c2

"I don't think fall-out shelters are needed at any expense. If a bomb explodes, the entire world will be destroyed. What use would a fall-out shelter be then?"

Norman Kanaplue, 6-71

"Yes. If there were mass shelters built in different parts of the city and country, more people would feel secure."

Ellen Vainstein, 8H2

"I don't think the Federal Government should waste its money on bomb shelters because I don't believe anyone in a shelter would survive an attack. Even if they did, there would be no world in which to live."

Pat Gambaro, 5-71

"Yes the government should build fall-out shelters. It is the duty of the government to protect all the American people."

Barbara Cupelli, 6c4

"Although I believe fall-out shelters should be built to put this country's mind at ease, I also feel that a great deal of effort should be exerted to prevent nuclear war."

Letters to the Editor

To the editor of the *Double Jay*:

I have had it! I am sick and tired of these so-called intelligent people who say that the *Double Jay* is a waste of time and that the only good use it has is to line a garbage pail.

Maybe if William Shakespeare were editor, THEY would approve. The *Double Jay* is a good school paper because it keeps the student body well informed about school activities.

Evidently these people feel that the school paper should be more literate than informative. They seem to forget our *Lantern.*

When the *Double Jay* comes from the press, it means that a job in student cooperation has been completed. This should have the full support and cooperation of the entire student body.

The *Double Jay* is a paper by the students, for the students, and of the students. LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!

Joe Corbett

ECONOMY NOTE:

If your main ambition is to be a garbage can liner, try the Times. It's really a bargain!

The Principal's Corner

Mr. Auerbach

The poet Wilhelm Goethe wrote in one of his plays "Men are so inclined to content themselves with what is commonplace; the spirit and the senses so easily grow dead. It is only because they are not used to taste of what is excellent that the generality of people take delight in silly and insipid things, provided they are new. For this reason one ought every day at least to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words."

It is the responsibility of the school to afford you an opportunity to cultivate the "taste of what is excellent." TV programs, movies, tabloids, and advertising so often stress the bizarre and the new, no matter how silly.

Your school must give you a set of personal standards of excellence. Your tastes should be cultivated so that cheap vulgarity and false rhetoric will be rejected by you. You should develop an appreciation of worthwhile literature, art, and music. Inexpensive paper back editions of the best books are available everywhere. The humanities and the sciences will train your mind in the ability to draw proper conclusions from facts, to differentiate between fact and opinions, and to make reasonable choices based upon evidence.

In a very real sense the school must help the student change for the better. The novels and plays you read will mold your taste. Your social studies will show you how people have struggled with problems and the result of the decisions they made. Our science classes will give you an understanding of the new world to come, and the methods used to develop it. Each subject will enrich your mind and character. How much have you changed in this last term?

ISIDOR AUERBACH
Principal

Jay Jottings

By MARGARET WINTERS

1. On Friday, January 13th, John Jay held a dance, the high spot of which was the election of Mr. and Miss Jay. The candidates for the title were Mary D'Andrea and Vicki Competiello for Miss Jay and Ray Lynch and Anthony Betrami for Mr. Jay. In the boys' gym especially decorated for this occasion, Jayites danced to current rock and roll records and enjoyed cool soft drinks between numbers. Mary D'Andrea was elected Miss Jay and Ray Lynch, Mr. Jay.

2. During the assembly program on January 18th awards were presented to those students with an average of 90% or over in all major subjects. Miss Smith of the Girls' Health Education Department distributed awards to those girls who achieved 90% in Physical Fitness Tests. School service awards were also distributed to all students with fifty or more service credits. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Fagon, Ray Lynch, and the senior band.

3. Alan Sachs, 6H1, won second prize in the auditions of the 1962 Brooklyn Philharmonic Youth Music Contest which were held February 2nd. Alan played Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C major, first movement, on the piano.

4. Mary Ann Shivers won the Family Living-Bride's Course Award at graduation in January. Her prize essay included a brief poem on what family living means to her.

5. Mirror sports columnist Harold Weissman accepted a $200 check for the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund from George Callas and Fernando Hartswell. The money was raised by our Key Club and was presented on behalf of the John Jay student body.

6. Students who did very well on the recent Regents examinations were: Dayle Novotny, Ellen Vainstein, and Eric Wold, 90% in English; Anthony Moleta, 97% in Intermediate Algebra; Helen Kontogianis, 89% in Trigonometry; Fernando Hartswell, 98% in Advanced Algebra; Richard Ferrucci, 86% in Geometry; Ellen Vainstein, 90% in American History and World Backgrounds; Gloria Escobar, 95% in French three years; Ferdinando Verdirame, 99% in Italian three years; Juanita Jolly 87% in Latin three years; Lorenzo Blanco, 81% in Spanish three years; Stephen Cecere, 90% in Italian two years; Marion Ingram,85% in French two years; Eric Wold, 90% in German two years; and Carmela DeGaetano, 99% in Spanish two years.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of STANLEY REITER, former editor of the *Double Jay*, who died Friday, February 9, 1962

Portrait

Senior Band

So very rarely, when speaking of a performance, does one give ample credit to those people responsible for supplying the musical background. This month's portrait familiarizes Jayites with a group of students who got together to form the Senior Sing Band. Michael Fishman, Robert Klugman, Harold Paris, Robert Torra, and Joseph Villafane are the members of this fine band which helped make the Senior Sing a truimphant affair. All musical arrangements were prepared by the boys who spent many hours after school practicing to perfect their repertoire.

The drummer Michael Fishman is a member of a professional group called the "Euphonics" which plays at dances and other social functions. Mike stopped taking lessons after four years but is always on the lookout for tips from other drummers. Earning money as one of the Euphonics will help support him through college.

Trumpet player Robert Klugman graduated from John Jay in January and is now attending classes at Long Island University.

The electric guitar belongs to Harold Paris, another member of the Euphonics. Although he only had two weeks of formal music lessons, Hal has been teaching himself and practicing for three and a half years. Hal chose the guitar because the sounds of strings appeal to him. He also wanted it because it is a portable instrument and could easily be brought to parties. His plans for the future include going to the University of Buffalo to major in Business Administration.

Robert Torra plays the accordian in the John Jay Band and has entertained students at concerts, plays, and other school functions. After graduation, Bob plans to attend Juilliard to further his musical education.

Last, but not least, is Joseph Villafane. Most of the group's arrangements can be credited to Joe. This talented pianist also plays the organ and accompanies the Glee Club at all school functions. Joe has taken lessons for two and a half years and says he will continue until he has mastered the piano. Two hours daily are spent practicing the piano. After graduating next January, Joe plans to attend Potsdam State College and become a music teacher.

This group of musicians is a fine example of the spirit and cooperation found among the students of John Jay. As Hal Paris says, "We are all good friends and our good teamwork makes for good music."

NEWS IN BRIEF

ENGLISH:

The *Lantern*, which is required reading this term, will soon be on sale for fifty cents. As usual five copies will be available in the library. If you are interested in obtaining a copy and for financial reasons can't afford it, see Mr. Gunsher, Miss Crocker, or your English teacher.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

On January 26, 1962 some John Jay students participated in an all day city-wide forum sponsored by the High School Division at Long Island City High School. The topic was "New Directions for Free World Unity." The discussions branched out into such questions as "What relations could new free world groupings establish with the Soviet world?"

The John Jay Debating Team is proud that one of its members, Alex Steinberg, was chosen co-chairman of the city-wide discussion group. If you are interested in joining the debating team, see Mr. Braverman.

HOME ECONOMICS:

Mrs. Godofsky's clothing classes exhibited a fine array of articles made by the girls of John Jay. In the showcase near the auditorium were displayed blouses, slacks, and a suit. Included were a corduroy jumper made by Aida Gaskins, a black and white plaid suit by Fong Lan Han, a wool dress by Anna Miran, and a coffee-colored dress by Jeanette Banjamy.

On March 23rd a fashion show will be held at John Jay stressing good grooming. Boys' and girls' clothing will be shown. Students will model articles created by the Simplicity Pattern Company.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

On March 16th the Association of Professors of French will hold a city-wide contest at Columbia. In April they will sponsor a national contest. Margaret Winters and Deirdre Bodkin plan to enter the contest. The winner will receive a scholarship that includes a six week visit to a school in Switzerland, the Villa Près Fleuris.

ACCOUNTING:

This semester, Jack Gustafson of class 8-2 was selected the winner of the Howard Clothes Good Grooming Award. Jack selected and was given the following items: a suit, two shirts, two ties, two pairs of socks, and a pair of cuff links.

All eighth term official and subject teachers will be asked to recommend male students for the award to be given in June. The following ratings are to be considered: appearance, service to the school, dependability, cooperation, and courtesy.

Comedy Chosen For School Play

The Varsity Players of John Jay are busily rehearsing for the spring presentation of "You Can't Take It With You." This hilarious three-act comedy was written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. The plot centers around a very eccentric family. The title refers to the fact that you can't take your money with you when you die, so enjoy yourself while you can.

The two great impresarios, Mr. Simonson and Mr. Malanaphy, are producing and directing the play. Delores Cooper and Fernando Hartswell are the play managers.

The cast will include Juanita Jolly, James Elcock, Blanche Sands, Michael Pfleger, and Zbigniew Krzewinski.

U.N. Club Starts Membership Drive

A lively discussion takes place every Thursday after the eighth period in room 311. That is when the U.N. Club, under the direction of Miss Foley, is in session. At present there are fifteen members. Trudy Kirshberg of 6c5 is the president, Lois Steinmetz of 8-7 is vice-president, and Irene Farah of 8-6 is the secretary. Each week a chairman is elected to lead the group in a discussion. Debates on current problems such as the admission of Red China to the U.N. are organized.

This January, members of the U.N. Club participated in the United Nations Contest sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations. This national contest offered a trip to Europe or Mexico as well as other prizes. The national winner will appear on Adlai Stevenson's television program.

The two school winners were Kenneth Feld of class 6H1 and Alexander Steinberg of class 6H2. They will receive certificates and their tests will be submitted to the committee in charge of this contest. The U.N. Club is planning a trip to the United Nations Building during this term.

Miss Foley, who is in charge of the U.N. Club and Trudy Kirshberg, president, invite you to attend the meetings which take place on Thursday during the ninth period in room 311.

Faculty Footlight

One of the favorite members of our faculty is Miss Smith because she is young at heart. When she was our age, Miss Smith attended Walton High School in the Bronx. Interested in physical education even at that time, she was a member of the Walton Student Service Corps, which was a leaders' club and an honor society. She was in the Junior Roller Derby under coaches Jean Domman and Buddy Atkinson. Semi-professional softball and basketball were two other sports in which Miss Smith participated. Her softball team, the Alpines, was the league champion for three years.

Following her graduation from Walton, Miss Smith entered Brockport State Teachers College near Rochester, New York. In order to remain in college, our Miss Smith undertook five jobs in order to get enough financial assistance. Her first job was to prepare breakfast and supper for one entire class. Each morning she arose at five and managed to scramble four hundred eggs. To this day, Miss Smith refuses to make a scrambled egg. Her second job took place during her free periods. Then she taught students how to run the various audio-visual aids. During weekends, Miss Smith worked at the snack bar. Job number four consisted of checking coats at dances. Her fifth job was serving as a waitress for the various organizations on the campus.

At Brockport, Miss Smith was a member of the Women's Official Club and she refereed several games each semester. Because she was so athletically inclined, she became a member of the Women's Athletic Association. Here she learned how to shoot a rifle and how to use different baits when fishing.

Besides participating in athletics, Miss Smith worked on the Brockport College Yearbook, the *Saga*, and was stage manager in some of Brockport's productions. This experience gave her the background which qualifies her as one of our Sing coordinators.

Miss Smith

However, all these activities did not hinder Miss Smith academically. She was the first student to graduate from Brockport with a Bachelor of Arts in Health, Physical Education, and Science. A Masters Degree in Special Education for the Physically and Mentally Handicapped Children was awarded to her from Yeshiva University. Miss Smith also worked as a lab technician at Columbia University Medical Center because she wanted to go into scientific research.

Finally, Miss Smith decided to become a teacher, and in February, 1959, she arrived at John Jay. In addition to teaching girls physical education, she is the faculty adviser for the Boosters and Twirlers. Miss Smith has worked on the Senior Play in 1960 and 1961, assisted Miss Walsh with last year's Sing, and is this year's sophomore Sing adviser.

Much of Miss Smith's time after school is set aside to help physically handicapped children. She has spent several summers working in camps with these children and found the work very rewarding.

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Gouldsbury Scores 27 in Final

Sportrait

Neil Gouldsbury

Despite a very unsuccessful basketball season, the "Hoopsters" possess several young stars who promise a brighter future. Standing among these athletes is 6'1", 173 lbs. Neil Gouldsbury, who was Mr. Sears' top man this year. Mr. Sears says, "Neil Gouldsbury is the natural all-city." Neil says, "Next year's squad will be a much stronger one and we hope to make up for this year's disappointments." Neil, however, was definitely not one of the disappointments. Over the 13 game season, he compiled a 20 point average, pulled down a large percentage of the rebounds, and sparked on defense.

Basketball has always been Neil's primary interest. At Dewey Junior High School, his 25 point scoring average earned him the Most Valuable Player in this field. When not in the school gym, Neil might be found in the local night center or anywhere else where there is a basketball. Some of his other basketball achievements were winning trophies in the Daily Mirror and in the Rockaway Rotary Tournaments last winter.

Basketball is definitely not an easy sport to master (except if you're over seven feet tall). It takes many hours of work and our athlete is no exception. Neil practices 2 to 3 hours a day and has developed quite an effective jump shot. His 75% shooting average will vouch for this. Three out of every four shots that go up, go in.

Neil is a junior now and is already receiving college scholarship offers. After graduating from John Jay, he plans to go to college and hopes to continue with basketball. In the far future he has his eyes on pro-ball or on teaching health education.

Big League Career Beckons Pepitone

Don't be surprised if, while watching a Yankee baseball game this spring, you hear a raucous shout, "Come on, John Jay!" Joe Pepitone, ex-Jayite, may be taking his place at bat ready to bring glory to the Yankees and John Jay in major league baseball.

Probably one of the finest athletes ever produced in our school, Joe Pepitone now faces the threshold of a bright career with the New York Yankees. A student at John Jay from 1954 to 1958, Joe starred at center field on the baseball team. He maintained a .400 batting average and hit almost twenty homers over a two-year period playing on the varsity. Football and track also caught Joe's interest at Jay.

Upon his graduation in June 1958, Joe was presented with a $25,000 bonus from the Yankees. The following three years found Joe playing ball with various minor league teams. Pepitone played for Amarillo last year on the Yank's farm club in the "Double A" Texas League. He batted .316 with power, including 24 doubles, 7 triples, and 21 homers in his output. At the end of the season Joe was selected as the All Star Center Fielder in the Texas League. Built along willowy lines, 6 foot 2 and 170 pounds, Pepitone gets his power at the plate from the speed with which he whips his bat around. There are many observers who liken him to Ted Williams in this regard.

Joe is now working at the Yankee Training Camp in Fort Lauderdale,

Joe Pepitone

Florida, under the watchful eye of manager Ralph Houk. Before Joe went south this winter, he was employed at Abraham and Strauss in Brooklyn as a reserve stock manager. Occasionally on Fridays Joe worked out in the John Jay gym.

The very latest news on Joe is that he has a very good chance of making the major leagues this year. The news comes from a reliable source, the Yankee manager, Ralph Houck.

The Pepitone family has supplied other athletes to the teams at John Jay. Joe's brother, James Pepitone, starred on the baseball team. His younger brother William, who is now a sophomore, participates on the baseball and football teams.

We are all confident that Joe will be at the Stadium when the umpire roars, "Play ball!"

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Handball

This year's handball season will start in March. Last year our handball team ended the season with a record of 3-5. The team was victorious against Madison High twice and Fort Hamilton High once. The team dropped one game to Tilden High and two games each to Midwood High and Fort Hamilton High.

This season the team's only returning player is Phil Isaccoff, a senior. Mr. Silverman requests that any boys who are interested in joining the team go to room 156 for information. The team is greatly in need of players for its new season.

Track

Under the leadership of Mr. V. O'Connor, the track team looks very promising this season. Mr. O'Connor, the sixth track coach in three years, has been doing an excellent job with the team.

The team practices at Red Hook Stadium for outdoor meets. The outdoor meets will run from March 3rd to June 1st. Our team won their first Dual Meet against Xaverian, 56 to 50. John Williams of John Jay won the open 50 yard dash in 5.6 seconds, and Richard Milison won the freshman 440 yard dash.

At the Cardinal Hayes Meet, the freshmen 880 yard relay team won the heat in good time, 1:45.5. The open one-mile relay team had some promising results—Walter Cox, 59.7, Chris Thompson, 57.3, and Robert Jones 51.3. The three members of the one mile relay novice are Louis Adams, Enrique, and Robert Burks.

The big event of the year was the victory that John Jay attained at the St. Francis Preparatory Meet. In this event, the freshmen 880 yard relay team won the event in 1:42.6 and came in first in a field of fifty P.S. A.L. schools. For this performance each member of the team received a Gold Medal and won a plaque for John Jay. Members of the team are Richard Milison, Al Brooks, Lester Hayatt, and Robert Burrs.

John Jay hopes to capture the P.S. A.L. Novice 880 yard relay on March 3rd. Running in the meet will be Robert Milison, Al Brooks, Wally Cox, and Robert Jones.

The results of the Mayor's Meet held at the 168th Street Armory are as follows: Robert Jones won the open 220 yard dash in 24.7. The time for the 880 yard relay was 1:46.8 and the time for the open 880 yard relay was 1:43.2.

Anyone wishing to try out for the John Jay Track Team, see Mr. O'Connor in room 156, the fourth or sixth period.

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